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Mr. T. D. Puckorius, Commissioner
Automated Data and Telecommunications Service
General Services Administration
Washington, DC 20405

Dear Mr. Puckorius:

Your letter to the Director dated 20 December 1976
has been referred to me for response.

The Central Intelligence Agency welcomes efforts by
the General Services Administration to simplify procedures
for lower dollar value automatic data processing equipment
(ADPE) procurement. We believe that the changes proposed
in your letter will be beneficial to both Government and
industry, and we look forward to receiving implementing
amendments to the applicable ADPE procurement regulations.

Sincerely,

James H. McDonald
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Director of Logistics

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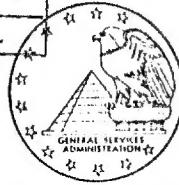
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Honorable George H. Bush
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

Enclosed for your review and comment is a self-explanatory notice of proposed changes to our contracting programs for automatic data processing equipment (ADPE).

The referenced changes are intended to simplify procedures for procurements of low dollar value ADPE. Collaterally, it will ensure that all FSC Group 70 items that are awarded in contracts are properly identified so that the controls, clearances and reporting procedures that apply to ADPE acquisitions are not overlooked.

We look forward to your response by January 31, 1977.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. D. Puckorius".

T. D. PUCKORIUS
Commissioner

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE - PROCUREMENT OF
ADPE WITHIN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

We have set forth below for your review and comment the substantive elements of certain planned procurement program changes, whereby both the Federal Supply Service (FSS) and the Automated Data and Telecommunications Service (ADTS) of the General Services Administration will establish multiple-award schedule type contracts for FSC Group 70 automatic data processing equipment (ADPE) and related services. When implemented, these changes should serve to: (a) simplify and expedite numerous lower dollar value acquisitions of ADPE/services, and (b) eliminate any question as to whether a given item(s) falls within the FSC Group 70 category of ADPE, and therefor would or would not, as the case may be, be subject to the regulatory and policy controls that apply to ADPE procurements.

PLANNED CHANGES

1. To ensure that all ADPE contract items are properly identified, definitions of ADP as outlined in FPR 1-4.1102, (see Attachment 1) will be applied to all items having questionable classification that are included in FSC Groups 58, 66, 67, 70 and 74 Schedule contracts.

Item descriptions for cataloging action has to be prepared. This function is to be completed during FY 77 by an FSS/ADTS task group team. Differences as to correct classification will be referred by FSS to the Defense Logistics Supply Center for binding classification determination.

2. FSS will be delegated multiple-award schedule contracting authority and responsibility for low dollar value FSC Group 70 ADP items that qualify by meeting all of the following criteria. Prior ADTS/FSS procurement agreements are to be subsequently realigned to meet these criterion:

(a) The ADPE must be a stand-alone item or system (defined as equipment that, when acquired, will be capable of fully meeting the operational mission for which acquired without connection to additional equipment). Related software, communications equipment, minor accessories or components may be awarded provided such items are uniquely applicable to the basic stand-alone item or system.

(b) The ADPE will not have a stand-alone item or system unit purchase price that exceeds \$50,000. Appropriate MOL's for single order quantities will be established at levels that are appropriate for the product or grouping involved, but will not exceed \$200,000. Requirements that exceed MOL's will be procured only under the authority of ADTS.

(c) The ADPE is not to be cataloged or marketed as a component of, or as a peripheral or accessorial item for, a major ADPE system. As referenced here a major ADPE system or item is any combination of equipment that has, along with other criteria, a purchase price in excess of \$50,000. Appropriate controls are to be established to ensure that items appear on only one Schedule.

(d) FSS multiple-award schedule contracts for FSC Group 70 ADPE are to follow current Federal Procurement Regulations procedures and will initially be mandatory. However, contracts will be developed for agency use under simplified ADPE procurement regulations, which may subsequently become non-mandatory, for acquisitions up to \$50,000 in value. Larger dollar value procurements will continue to require a specific delegation of procurement authority from ADTS.

3. ADTS will establish schedule contracts for all other ADPE and related services. ADTS will also adapt its schedule contracts to the same simplified procedures for procurements up to \$50,000 that are referenced in (d) above, for FSS Schedule contracts.

Shifts of ADPE from FSS to ADTS contracts, and vice-versa, that may be necessary in accordance with (a) through (d) above will be accomplished in an orderly manner, with appropriate advance notice to vendors and ordering offices.

Please submit before January 31, 1977, any comments that you have regarding these proposed changes to:

Commissioner Theodore D. Puckorius
Automated Data and Telecommunications Service
General Services Administration
Room 3240
Washington, DC 20405

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